



CITY *of* CALABASAS

PARKS, RECREATION & EDUCATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

DATE: DECEMBER 5, 2022

TO: PARKS, RECREATION AND EDUCATION COMMISSIONERS

FROM: ERICA GREEN, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

SUBJECT: GATES CANYON PARK/BRANDON'S VILLAGE PROJECT APPROVAL
TO MOVE FORWARD

MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 8, 2022

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Parks, Recreation, and Education Commission review the playground design and approve staff to move forward with the design and construction process.

BACKGROUND:

In May of 2022, the Community Services Department presented City Council with a recommendation to approve the Gates Canyon/Brandon's Village playground project and funding with PlayPower Little Tikes Farmington, Inc. Staff was given direction to return with detailed information on the project costs and Sourcewell cooperative purchasing agreement. In August of 2022, staff presented the information requested to City Council and was further directed to provide additional details on Sourcewell and return to City Council in September of 2022. In September 2022, City Council approved the funding, use of Sourcewell cooperative purchasing agreement, and fundraising efforts. In November and December, staff, Unlimited Play, Inc., and Little Tikes, Inc. consultants conducted multiple public engagement workshops and surveys and obtained the wants and needs of the community at the playground.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Brandon’s Village at Gates Canyon Park provides all-inclusive play structures that were originally constructed in 2006 at the cost of \$875,000. To ensure the inclusive play element is maintained with the new play structures, the City has contracted with Unlimited Play, Inc., a non-profit organization that partners with PlayPower Little Tikes Farmington, Inc., to help fundraise and build custom all-inclusive playgrounds.

Staff conducted three workshops and two surveys and obtained imperative feedback on playground elements and the overall theme. Community members requested safety and access, challenge levels, imaginative play, creative play, active motion, and sensory play. In addition, the community voted to have a treehouse/nature theme for the playground. Little Tikes has incorporated the results of the multiple workshops and surveys into a preliminary design highlighted at last Saturday’s workshop at Brandon’s Village.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The project's estimated cost is \$1.1 million, with anticipated fundraising in the amount of \$10K-\$400K for an estimated not-to-exceed \$1.5 million contract price. The funding sources include \$192,744 Prop 68 Per Capita Grant, \$125,000 Gates Canyon/Brandon’s Village maintenance allocation, and \$800,000 American Rescue Plan Act allocation for a total of \$1,117,744. Fundraising will be conducted, and any additional funds secured will be used to enhance the playground elements.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the Parks, Recreation, and Education Commission review the playground design and approve staff to move forward with the design and construction process.

ATTACHMENT:

Brandon’s Village preliminary designs